

CHETAN BHAGAT'S LOVE FOR MOTHERLAND

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ABSTRACT

Chetan Bhagat's eleven years resident in Hong Kong could not oppose him to pay the debt of mother India. After coming back to his motherland he decided to serve for the specialists of literature. His strong courage of quitting the job and became a free-lance novelist brought name and fame in his career. He went ape over his goal. He has touched courage with young Indian readers and acquired almost cult status. An Indian writer, columnist and the speaker whose books remained best sellers ever since their release and three have inspired Bollywood films- including the hit films-3 *Idiots* and *Kai Po Che*.

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We know that literature is the mirror of society and real image comes from the contemporary literature. *The New York Times* appreciated him,

The biggest-selling English language novelist in India's history¹
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India is speedy growing nation. It imbibes all sort of original literature in other languages. Chetan Bhagat's fictions are based on Indian values such as Indianness, emotion friendship,

generosity, responsibility, actuality, patriotism and commitment. Every now and then he expresses the social incident broadly and various aspects of Indian society along with its variety.

He understands that in any social structure unemployment, immoral values, bias and injustice lead to despair. To get relief from frantic attitude one must have good friends. In the *Three mistakes of my life*, three close friends Govind Patel, Ishaan and Omi seem inseparable. They overcome the odds to stay together for life. Nativity is innate in his novels. He does not take any

risk to go ahead of the limitations of home-wards. He picks up a theme of native sensitivity where human emotions are packed down. In this era of globalization he still seeks his solution of life in native modernity. His modernism is everywhere present in his novels. In this novel all three friends have a male bonding. Time magazine named him as one of the hundred most influential people in the world. He is making India read like never before. *The Three Mistakes of My Life* is a well interweaved story and its theme is successfully dealt with. He shares his views-in op-ed columns for leading English and Hindi newspapers, mirroring on youth and national

development based issues. He voices his opinions often at India's leading events and cares for native modernity. He gives up his international investment banking career in the year 2009, to devote his entire time to writing and making change happen in the country. He has an urge for

novelty. In spite of all natural calamities like-Gujarat Earthquake, unnatural like manmade-Godhra riots, the friendship of the three friends never shatters. Devastating earth -quake and disturbing monstrous Godhra riots brought an untimely sadness as many blameless persons, women and children died. These incidents were not only impossible but certain also. In

my view Ghodhra is destiny of ill fate. The religious karsevaks unknown to the fact, to smile happily having no surmise.

Cricket is another focused game in the novel. Each chapter is followed by cricket match between India and other countries; the hero of the novel, with his two dear friends starts an entrepreneur. Owing a business in Belrampur was dream like. To lodge his

friends love and Omi's and Ishaan's passion they all open *The Team India cricket shop*. Ahmadabad is known for kites and garba. Every Ahmadabad loves flying kites. But they know that sports equipments will complete their aim of gaining money. However nothing comes easy in a chaotic city. To realize their goals they will have to face religious politics, failure in unacceptable love and a package of their own mistakes. The posters of Tendulkar and Ganguly were sold for free as a scheme so that more buyers will carry their goods. As soon as summer vacations arrived kids took interest in playing cricket to spend time. An English maxim says – to err is human to forgive is divine. But here we can say to forgive is not in any person's mind as society is rigid. Ishaan and Omi have concerned parents who want them to find direction rapidly. They find temporary assistance when they turn their passion for the cricket into a business schemes opening a store. The rebellious Ishaan sobers down a bit as he lands an opportunity

to inform cricket coaching to a neighbor-hood Muslim boy Ali. Their strong effort to teach this boy resulted in the death of Omi later on. After the Godhra train incident public was angry. Omi's uncle Bittoo Mama lost his son Dhiraj in the destined train. He became rebellious and taking a trishul in his hand he ran to kill Ali. Three of the boys put their life at stake and saved

the boy. All offended badly, Omi died and even Bittoo Mama also. A film made on this novel named *Kai Po Chhe* means kite is cut. Meena Iyer, a film critic says –The story fascinated even though the disturbing back drop of death destruction and politics. The film made on the novel is very likeable. Between tears you find yourself smiling because it is a story of friendship and human victory above all also. All three overcome the odds to stay indivisible. As a matter of fact the three friends' intense ambition strikes like nightmares in real life. It is supposed to be dark with tale about modern India where the writer brings out the ethos and isolation of the whole generation to the fore. In the story Gujarat is described like a model state –

Food is a passion here, especially as Gujrat in a dry state .People
her get drink on food.² (Bhagat: 2008, 7)

Gandhiji,s birth state has emerged as a novel state where young generation has not only satisfied the ambitions but also has tried to fill the gap after the Godhra incident .

The young heroes have passion Govind's father's death brings a sense of blame where as his mother also started an entrepreneur by selling household tasty snacks. Though Govind was disbeliever and somewhat different, her mother is a timid Indian woman who spent another year consulting astrologers as to which planet caused dad to move out. Like an ideal Indian woman she has strong feelings .The novelist has given us in a fantastic enjoyable story that displays case the internal feelings among the three protagonists who are energetic, ballistic and at times plain straight forward like bore persons, the story moves around their trials and troubles in the post college to pursue a career to make money. Their deep passion for cricket and their camaraderie is unimaginable. As we know money makes the mare go. The three months business brought handsome amount. The shop has a changed name – The Team India Shop highlights by stationery cricket coaching and Maths tuition available. Ish's sister Vidhya started taking math tuition from Govind. Both of them fell in love and had undefended sex. This was his big and second mistake. Every Indian loves cricket but Govind does not .He has a grave attitude but Vidhya becomes his weakness. Though both of them have a mutual understanding and a nicely handled romantic track .In the film one will watch national tragedy followed after natural calamity Gujarat earth quake had brought untimely termination and the Godhra riots brought deliberate action to kill. All the time a question arises– Do both these calamities expose the chinks in the armor of friendship between the boys? They also throw open the can of worms that brought to light one of the monstrous incident of Indian history. It is the black chapter of the whole century. Chetan Bhagat admits on the anniversary of the Godhra train incident and subsequent riots a dark chapter in Indian record. It was the incident which caused too much pain still in his life. He still thinks it has to be the almost difficult piece to write, he further writes if you start any discuss on the Godhra incident within minutes it degenerate to these two arguments.

- (a) The Hindus retaliated because the train was burnt first or
- (b) innocent Muslims were targeted by fundamentalist Hindus who used the train incident cause genocide.

Both the arguments look reasonable enough but do not provide a solution. He further says, the Godhra incident was an instance of the worst in us. It was the cost of keeping country second and religion first was the price we paid for thinking religion is so significant, giving us the right to break laws or abuse democratic system. Unfortunately the families who undergoes in the incident paid the biggest price. In the novel Omi's quarrel with Ali's father reveals the Hindu Muslim relationship with a remarkable clarity. Being a Brahmin's son he argues; Why can't you let us make a temple in Ayodhya? Because there is a Mosque already there. As a matter of fact the element of nativity overwhelms everywhere; politics, cricket, religion and business become the related factors to grip the subject matter. Actual philosophy lies in the substance of core theme and its innate power is innovation. It

provides existent feelings and extends his views though native modernity. Every Indian's partisanship flows in his blood after the big disaster when all karsevaks of Bogie-s 6 burnt alive, Bittoo Mama broke completely .He lost his son and his mental condition becomes worse. His scheme with parekhji to distribute spoonful of soil to Hindus remains only perfect logic to make Ayodhya temple and to join people for the campaign.

But the tragedy broke their heart. Chetan says

–I finally saw the sense inherent in the Hindu philosophy of being satisfied with what one had rather than yearn for more .It wasn't some cool philosophy that ancient sages invented, but survival mantra n a country where desires are routinely crushed.³

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Both incidents were nightmares. All things went upside down collapsing their shop at mall. Misery of life expands greater ruin able everywhere the whole city was shut. The hero of the novel ran seven kilometers to see if his possessions were ok. As time and tide wait for none

the same way catastrophe do not give intimation Govind broke down- I never cried the day my father left us. Really it was such sadness which cannot be consoled. Untimely heavy loss in business brought sadness. We know fortune nepotism the brave and here his Anger emerges as the first mistake of his life. His bravery became useless. Anger at father, at earthquake and at himself defensible the title here. The doctor suggested for 'Navaldhariesl hardcore entrepreneur community in Gujarat. Chetan was born in a middle class family, his father was in the army and his mother was a government employee in the agricultural department. His location worked a lot to innovate new values in society He knows the structure of society and education system very well. When Bittoo Mama's son becomes the victim of miscreant who sets fire to a bogie of the Sabarmati express which was coming back from Ayodhya. The Muslims fires the Hindu karsevaks. The charred bodies of children and women and Dhiraj came as a unbearable stroke. After the incident he took a trishul in hand and a fire torch in the other –He shouted

Do not cry, nobody will cry today. We Hindus have only cried.” In a Hindu country in a Hindu states the fuckers can come and burn our kids in broad –day life.⁴ (Bhagat: 2008, 222)

The novel ends with an epilogue. The writer's unexpected quality is to keep the reader mesmerized. How he relates the social occurrence and conveys his ideas in spell-bound manners. Many Bollywood films like *Three Idiots* published in 2009 was based on *Five Points Someone –what not to do at IIT*. The film was appreciated by spectators Chetan delivered two speeches. Consequently it can be easily evaluate that Chetan Bhagat not only imagines for stories but also pays attention to the real incidents of the society, He is now in the list of best sellers and regularly writing periodically in the popular newspapers.

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